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Major Goals: The spatiotemporal resolution of the neural code that underlies attention (and other cognitive signals) is not well understood, despite a large literature that tests how these signals are modulated at the level of the single neuron. These issues have not been resolved because, until recently, it was not possible to record from large numbers of brain sites simultaneously. The goal of this grant is to fill our knowledge by testing two hypotheses. First, attentional signals can be decoded from μ ECoG signals in the ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (vPFC), which is cortical region that is functionally involved in auditory attention. Second, the ability of a Bayesian linear estimator to decode attentional signals depends on the spatiotemporal resolution of the μ ECoG-array signals.

Accomplishments: 1. designed and produced a uECoG device

2. implanted uECoG device in PFC of rhesus monkey

3. recorded successfully uECoG signals from device

4. Demonstrated that both sensory and cognitive (i.e., choice dependent) signals can be read out from uECoG signals.

5. Our modular system shows stable long-term recordings (~1 year) as the decoding accuracies are not varying much across the implantation period.

6. Determined that sufficient coverage and recording resolution is needed for accurate "decode".

Training Opportunities: Nothing to Report

Results Dissemination: 1. Abstract at 2018 Society for Neuroscience Meeting: Chiang, J., Lee, J., Williams, A. J., Cohen, Y. E. & Viventi, J. in Neuroscience 2018 Vol. Program No. 431.21 Online (Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, 2018).

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Authors: Woods, V., Wang, C., Bossi, S., Insanally, M., Trumpis, M., Froemke, R., & Viventi, J.
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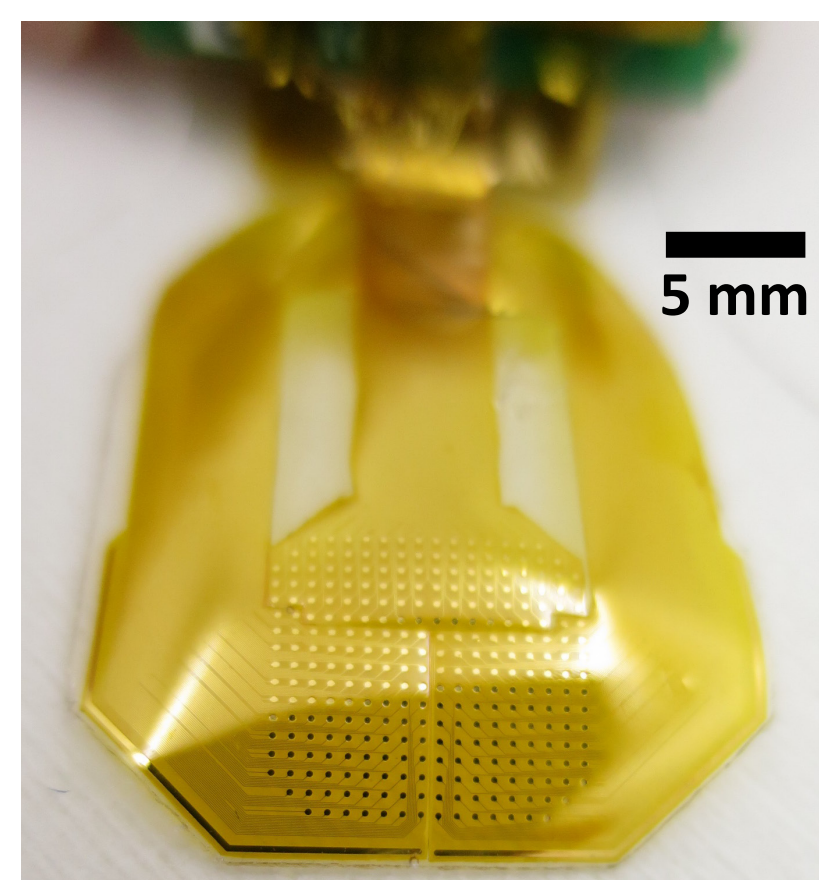
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INTRODUCTION

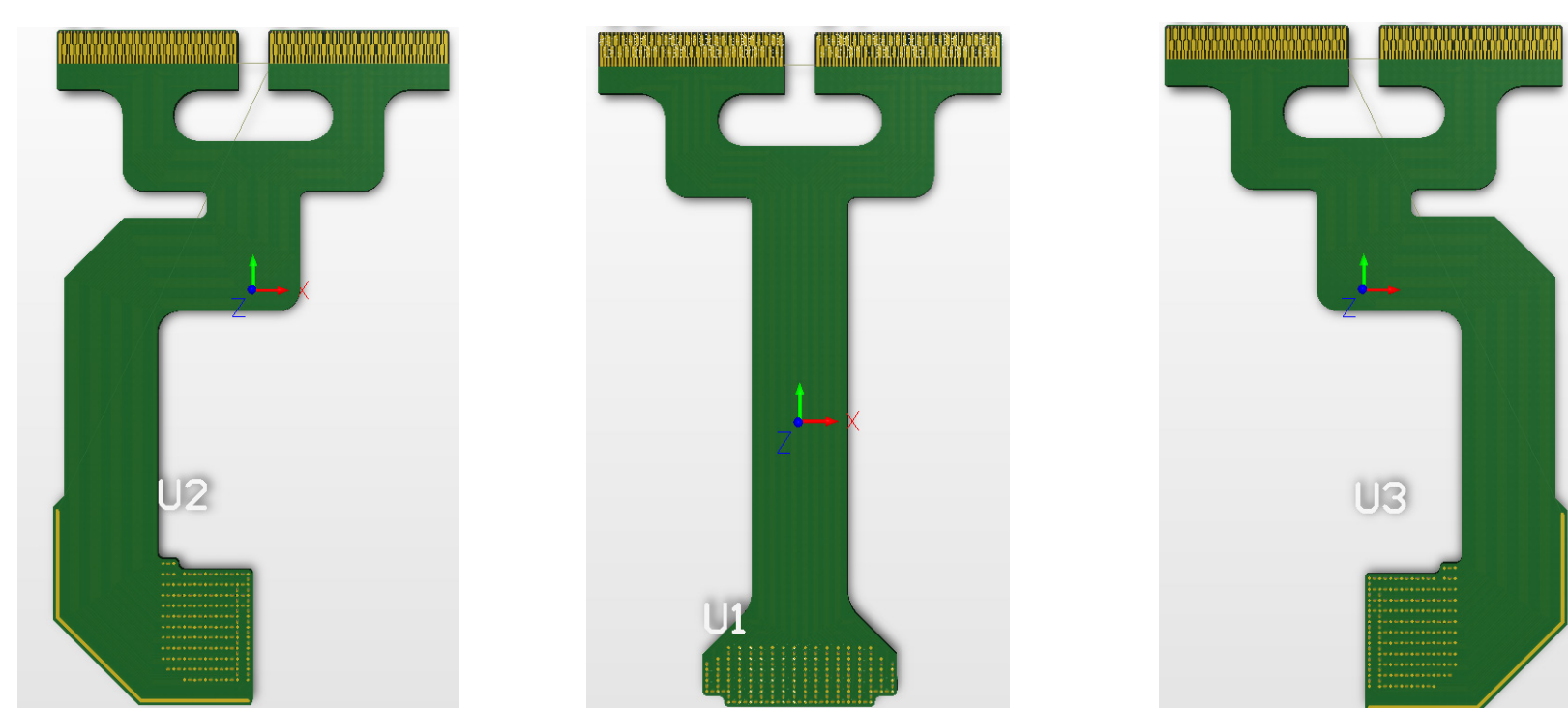
- Detecting and discriminating auditory stimuli is a complex neurocomputational problem because the stimuli of interest in the real world change simultaneously along multiple dimensions and are often mixed together with other environmental stimuli.
- It is not well understood how the brain transforms a mixture of acoustic stimuli into distinct perceptual representations.
- Auditory perceptual decisions are believed to be mediated by the ventral auditory pathway, which includes the ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (vIPFC) at its apex.
- However, the spatiotemporal resolution of the neuronal code that underlies perception and cognition in vIPFC is still unclear; and until recently, it was not possible to record from large numbers of brain sites simultaneously.
- In this work, we developed a modular, high-resolution, electrode array with long-term viability to study the information that could be decoded from vIPFC micro-electrocorticographic (μ ECoG) signals during an auditory-detection task.

ELECTRODE DESIGN

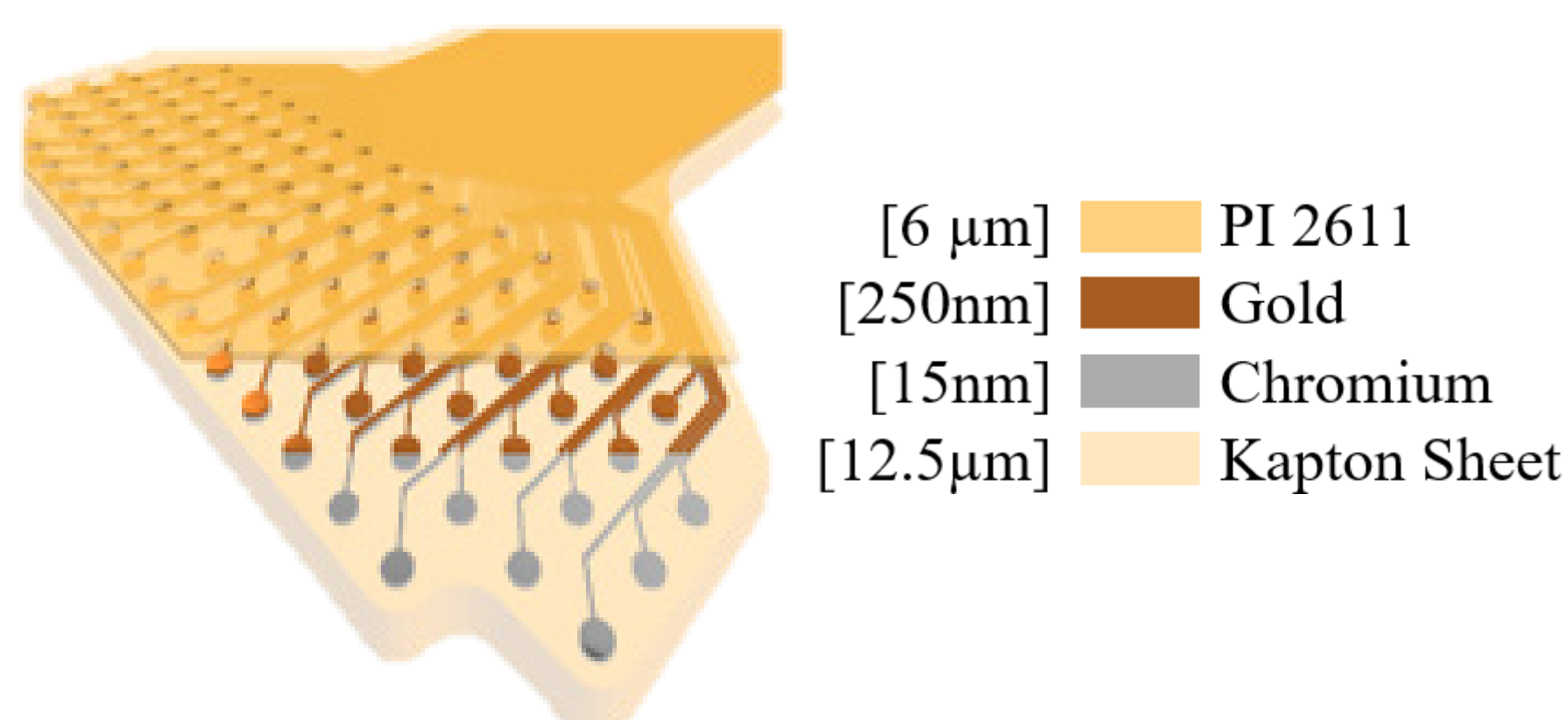
- 3 subarrays molded together
- 294 channels total
- 17 x 18 grid
- 610 μ m pitch
- 229 μ m (dia.) pad
- 10.4 x 11 mm² sensing area
- ~30 μ m thick total
- High density ZIF connector



Modular design

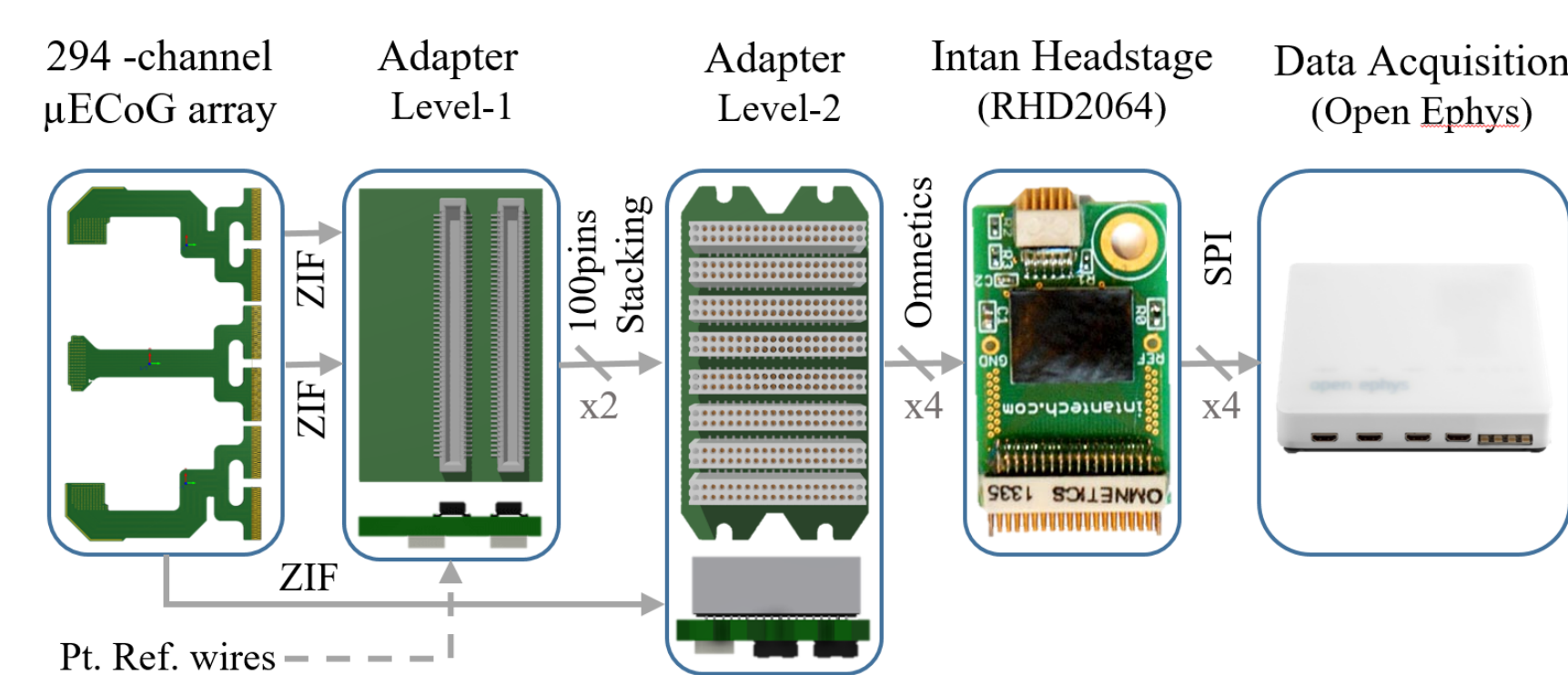


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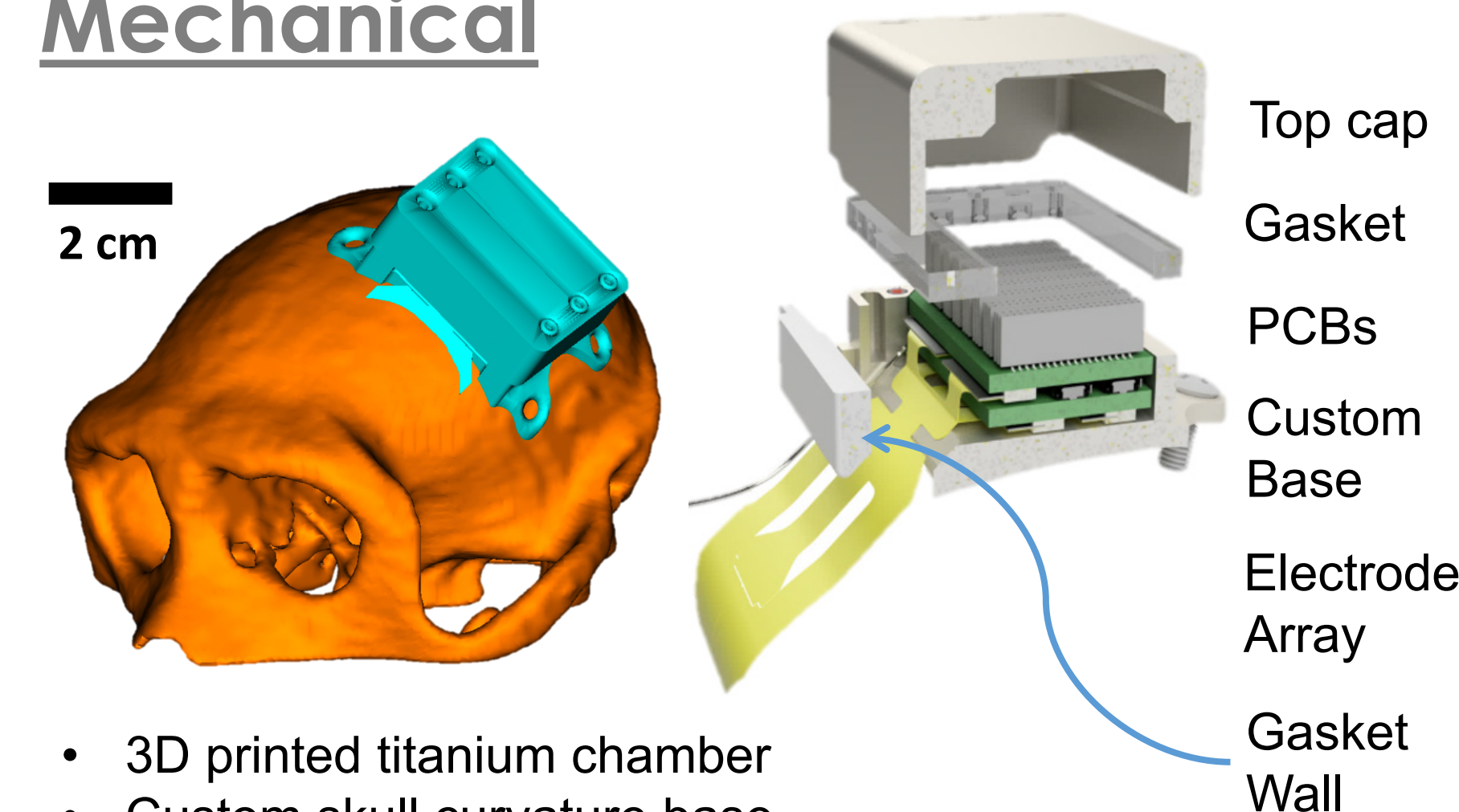


SYSTEM DESIGN

Electrical



Mechanical

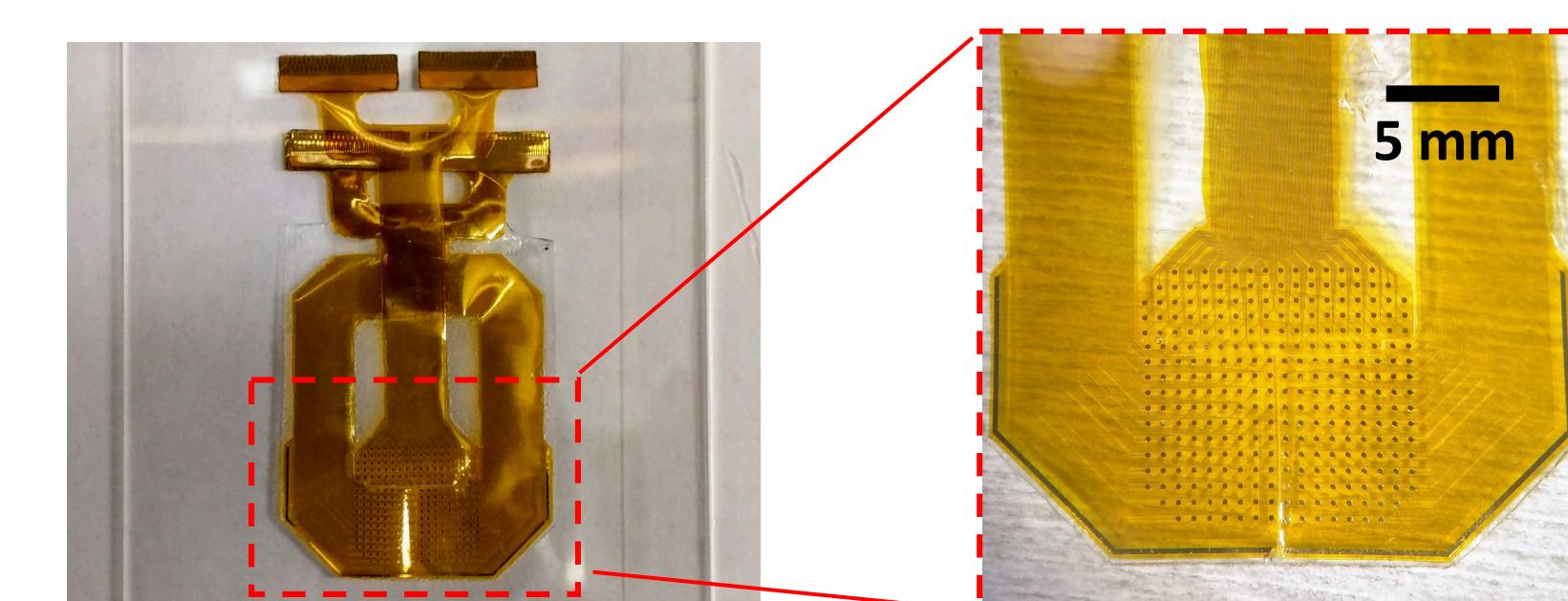


- 3D printed titanium chamber
- Custom skull curvature base
- Overall size: 35mm x 27mm x 18mm
- Weight: 76g

MOLDING

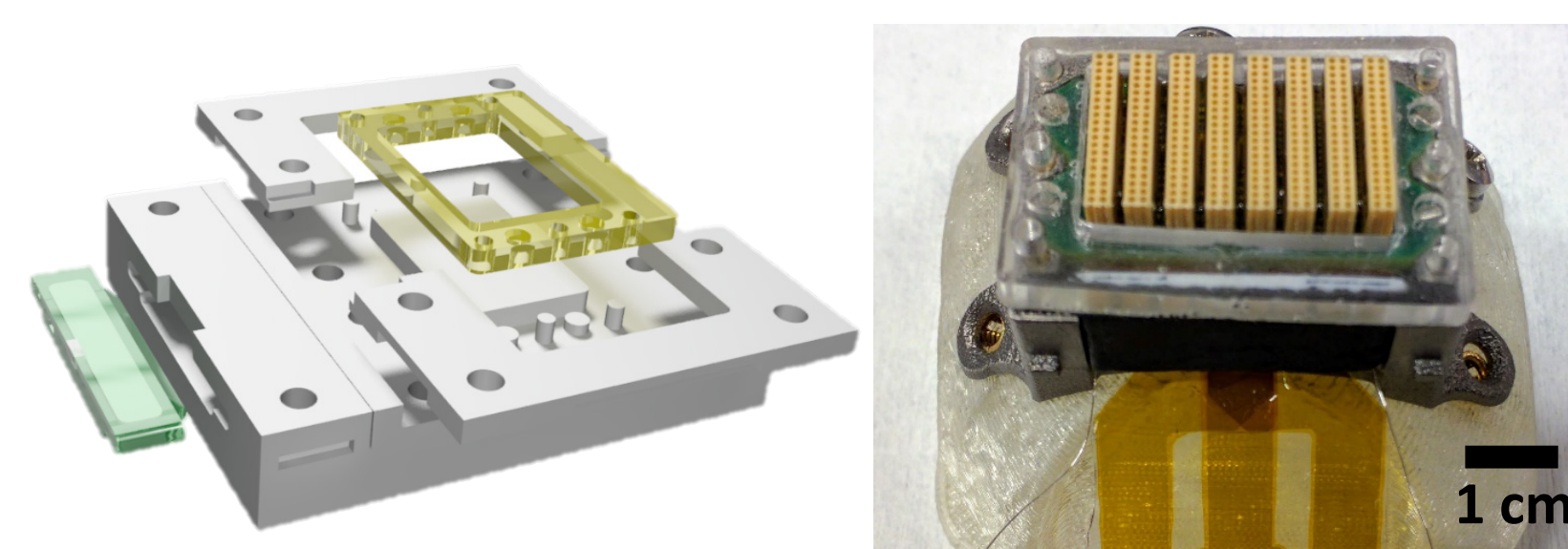
Electrode Molding

- Silicone used to mold the three electrode subarrays
1. Glass
 2. PVA glue
 3. H₂O soluble tape
 4. Electrode
 5. Metal contact
 6. Stencil
 7. PDMS
 8. Wiper



Gasket Molding

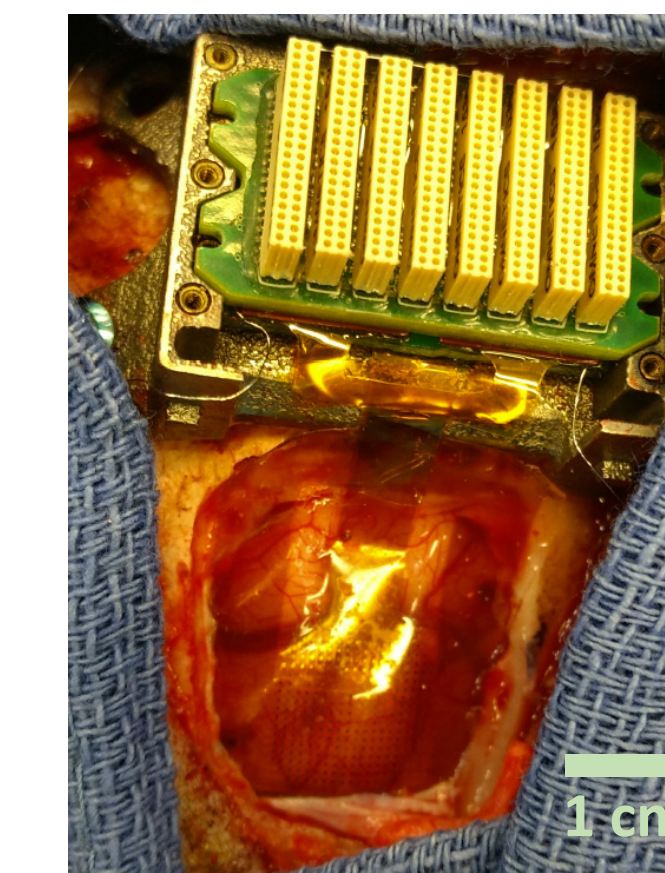
- To make the chamber water tight, we molded a gasket with PDMS and the electrode entrance wall with Sugru



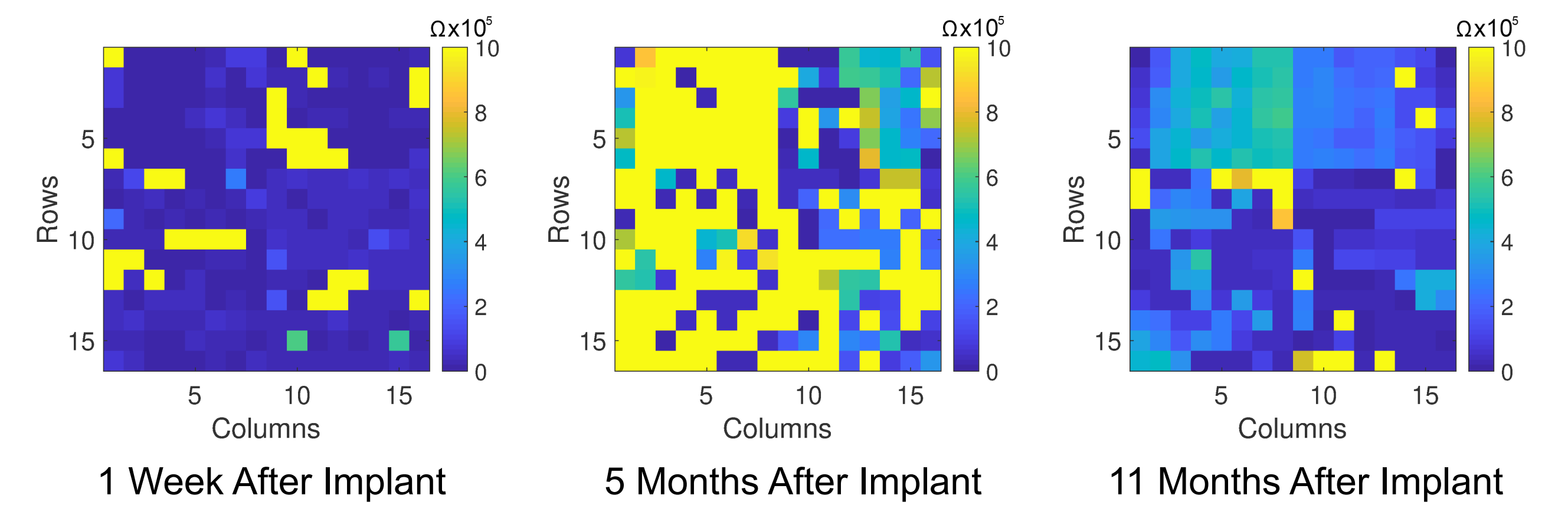
NHP EXPERIMENT

Subdural implant over vIPFC.

1. A monkey participated in a "cocktail-party" task that required him to detect a target vocalization that was embedded in a background chorus. Task difficulty was titrated by varying the sound-level ratio between the target and the background chorus (TCr).
2. We recorded μ ECoG signals while the monkey participated in the task.



Impedance over 11 month of implant



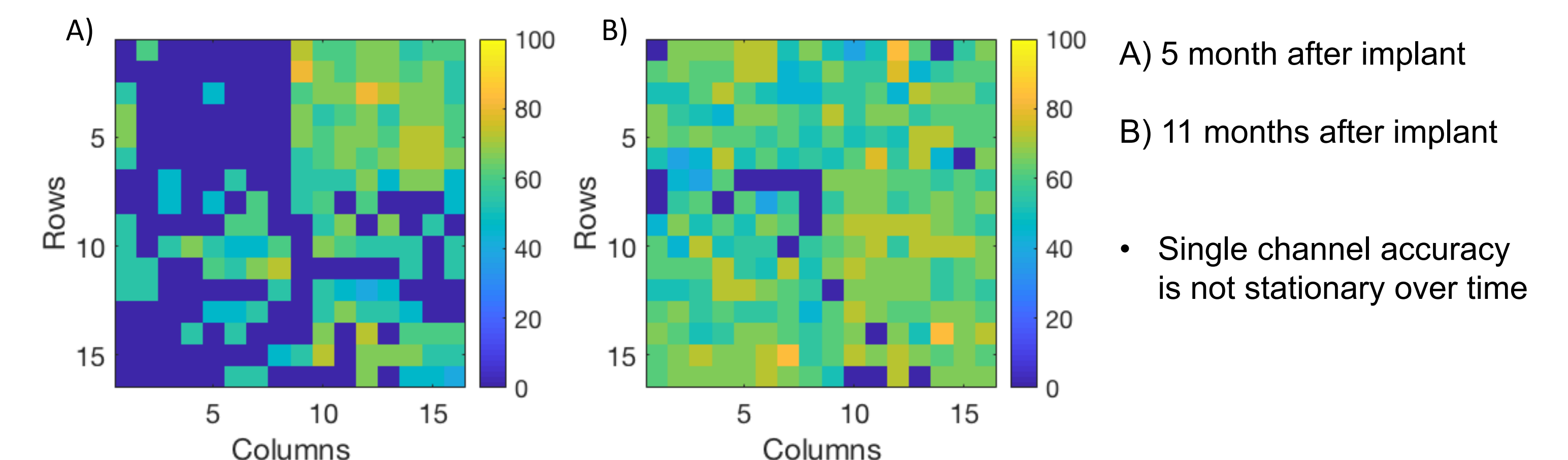
SIGNAL PROCESSING

Signal Processing Flow for SVM*

1. Select features (mean, variance).
2. Calculate single-channel classification accuracy using SVM (LibSVM in the MATLAB platform)
 - a. Grid-search to optimize LibSVM parameters with N-fold cross-validation
3. Pick channels corresponding to top 20th percentile.
4. Run cross-validated SVM classification for 1, 2, 4, ..., N channels.

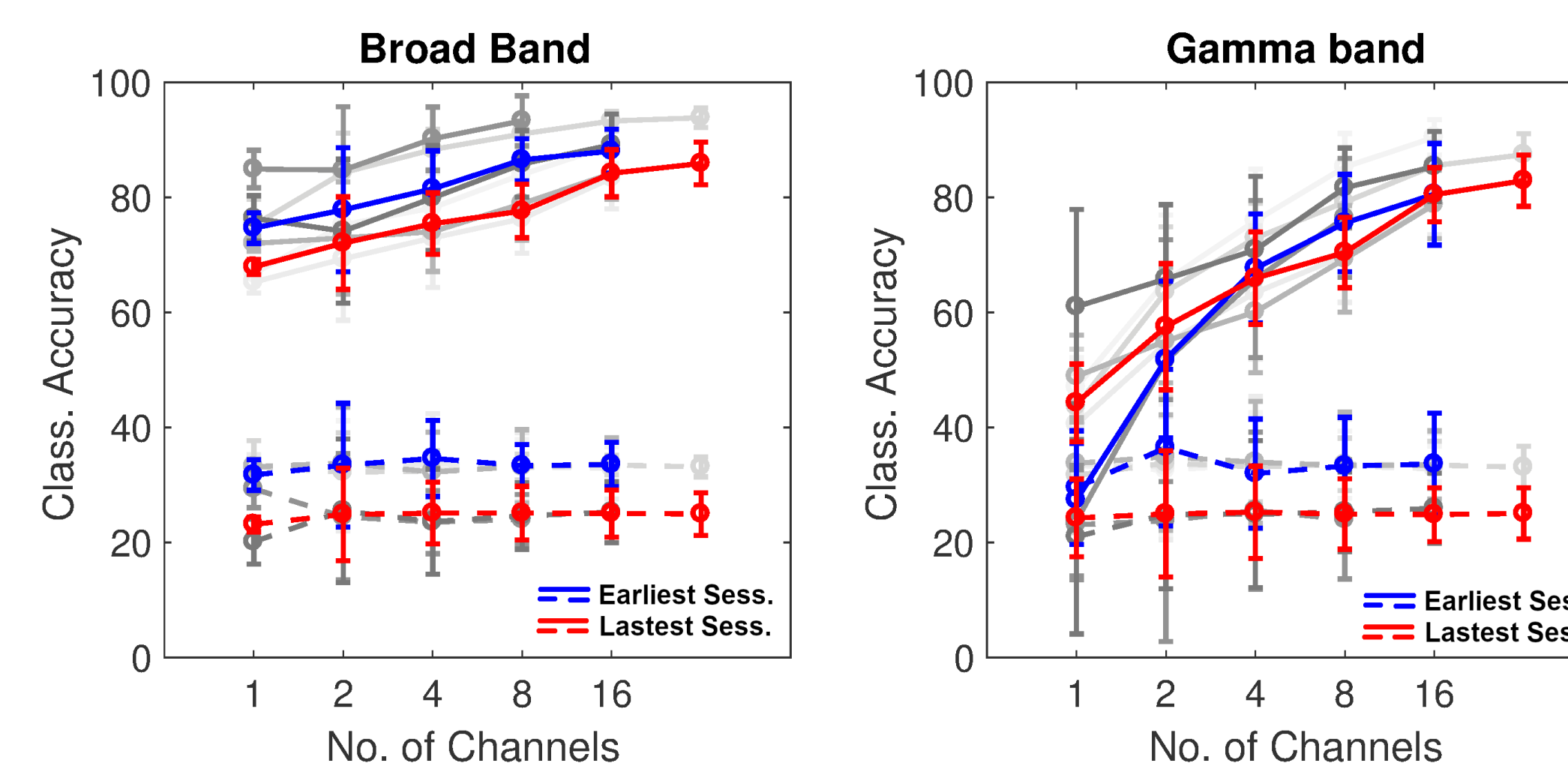
*SVM: Support Vector Machine

Single-Channel Behavior Decoding

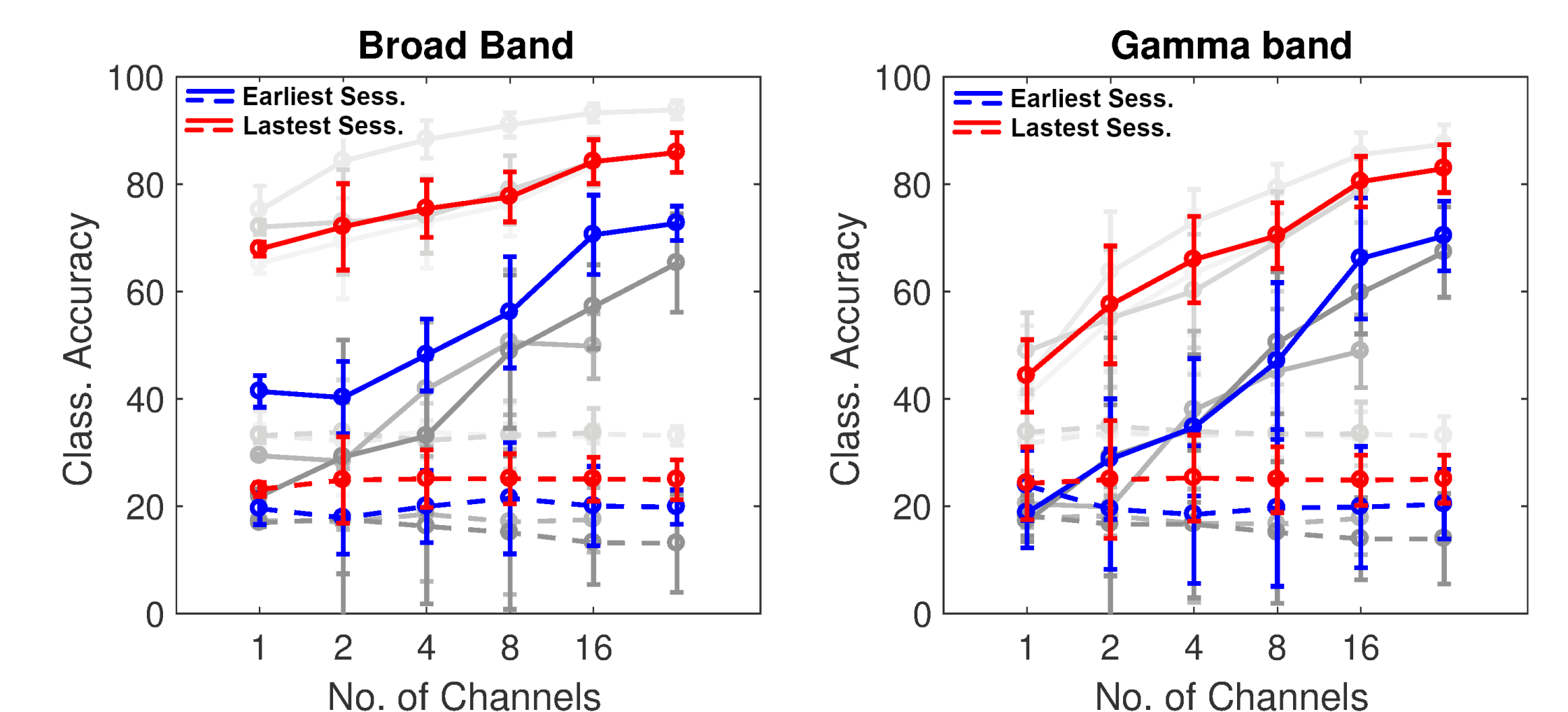


DECODING RESULTS

Behavior Decoding (Hits v. Misses)



Sensory Decoding (Target-to-Chorus ratio)



1. Solid lines: decode capacity; dotted lines: bootstrap null distribution; each set is decode from a single recording session; data in blue from earliest session; data in red from last recording session. Data in grey are from other sessions; the darker the shading the more recent the session.
2. Behavior decoding states: (a) Hits, (b) Misses, (c) False Alarm, and (d) Correct Rejection.
3. Sensory decoding states: 5 target-to-chorus ratios ranging from 60% to 80%.
4. Classification accuracy both for behavioral outcomes and TCr improved significantly as the number of decoding channels increased.
5. Higher frequency bands, such as gamma band, showed the most noticeable enhancement in decoding accuracy, relative to other bands (not shown).

DISCUSSION / SUMMARY

- μ ECoG signals in vIPFC code both behavioral outcomes and stimulus parameters.
- Sufficient coverage and recording resolution is needed:
 - Individual channels varied significantly in their ability to decode various behavioral parameters (e.g., hits versus misses).
 - For those channels that performed better than chance, as we increased the number of channels, decoding performance improved. This improvement was seen across a variety of neural frequency bands.

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